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TOM LANTOS ANNOUNCES \$6.2 MILLION IN HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

San Mateo County Receives \$5,534,500
South San Francisco Receives \$747,000

Washington, D.C. - Congressman Tom Lantos (D-San Mateo County / San Francisco) announced that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded grants totaling \$5,534,500 to the County of San Mateo and a grant of \$747,000 to the City of South San Francisco.

A Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) of \$3,557,000 was awarded to San Mateo County and the City of South San Francisco received a similar grant for \$747,000. The County also received a HOME Investment Partnership Program grant of \$1,852,500 and an Emergency Shelter Grant Program grant for \$125,000.

"I am delighted that San Mateo County and South San Francisco have received these important grants," said Congressman Lantos. "The \$4.3 million in Community Development Block Grants for the County and South San Francisco will be particularly useful in expanding economic opportunities and housing on the Peninsula. With the economic difficulties we now face in our area and with the high cost of housing, these grants will be particularly helpful."

The CDBG program provides funds for decent housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income. HOME Investment Partnership funds are to assist the County in increasing home ownership and affordable housing opportunities for low and very low-income Americans. The Emergency Shelter Grant Program funds are for rehabilitation or conversion of buildings for use as emergency shelter for the homeless and for other aspects of assisting the homeless.

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